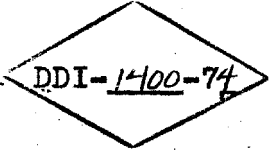


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Edward W. Proctor
Deputy Director for Intelligence, CIA

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Deputy Director for Estimates, DIA

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SUBJECT: Experimental Joint CIA-DIA Projection

1. To carry out the experiment agreed at our meeting on Friday, 3 May, I attach a specific proposal for a joint projection. I have tried to choose a force element on which the experts are not currently quite as pressed as those working on other areas, but which is still relevant to long-lead-time planning and to offensive force limitations in SALT. It is the interceptor arm of PVO Stranny. The aim is to prepare an up-to-date "best" projection on this Soviet force element, which could be used for an NIE and the DIPP, and to judge the costs and benefits of a joint approach.

2. If you approve this proposal for the experiment, please identify your points of contact to my office ([Redacted]) and I will get the project moving.

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Howard Stoertz, Jr.
National Intelligence Officer
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Attachment:
Proposal as stated

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EXPERIMENTAL JOINT CIA-DIA PROJECTION

General Requirement

Prepare jointly a CIA-DIA projection of the future strength of a major element of a foreign military force, which could be used for an NIE and the DIPP. Determine the additional costs and benefits, if any, of preparing this projection jointly as compared with present methods.

Specific Task

Project the operational strength of the interceptor arm of PVO Stranyy, by type and number of deployed aircraft, at mid-years to 1984. *only for years in NIE*

In making this projection, assume: (a) continuation in force of the ABM Treaty and of quantitative limitations on strategic offensive forces approximating those of the Interim Agreement; (b) a Soviet view of the airborne threat which is based on the trends indicated in the current US five-year defense program, together with trends in NATO and Chinese forces as currently understood by US intelligence; and (c) a Soviet objective of maintaining and improving their strategic air defense capabilities at a cost not much different from their current level of effort.

In other words, prepare a current projection of the Soviet PVO fighter force which corresponds in its objective to Force II of NIE 11-3-72 and to a "best" projection in the DIPP.

Recommended Method

(a) CIA and DIA each identify a senior substantive point of contact who will jointly manage the project, assemble and instruct the appropriate experts, consult further with the NIO/SP if necessary, and review and approve the final report.

(b) In preparing the report, specify the assumptions, evidence and rationale underlying the projection; indicate how and why the current projection differs from those in NIE 11-3-72 and the most recent DIPP; include judgments about costs and benefits of joint approach; indicate the degree of agreement and disagreement as to substance, costs and benefits.

(c) Submit written report to CIA/DDI, DIA/DE, and NIO/SP and present oral briefing to these same people at their next meeting.

Target Date *for what -- the projections + report?*

Meeting of CIA/DDI, DIA/DE, and NIO/SP on Friday, 17 May 1974.

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